



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

ITEM #W-11

MARCH 2004 AGENDA

☒ General Waiver

SUBJECT

Request by **Burbank Unified School District** for **Providencia Elementary School**, in Cohort I of the Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program (II/USP) deemed state monitored on Nov 12, 2003, (Valid API) to waive sanctions in portions of *Education Code* (EC) Section 52055.5(h) and remain on "watch" for the 2003-04 school year.

Waiver Number: 6-12-2003

☒ **Action**
☐ **Consent**

RECOMMENDATION

☐ Approval ☒ Approval with conditions ☐ Denial

Pending decision on March, 2004 State Board of Education proposed Waiver Policy for Higher Performing II/USP schools that do not make significant growth.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

At the January 2004 State Board meeting, Providencia Elementary School, an II/USP state-monitored school, requested that the Board approve their waiver request to be taken out of the sanctions/intervention and to be placed "on watch" for another year. The waiver was based on the premise that the school is higher-performing and therefore should not be subject to state sanctions. The Board deferred the waiver request until March 2004 and requested that CDE staff develop a waiver policy for higher-performing II/USP schools that are subject to state sanctions.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

Overall, Providencia Elementary School is performing well, with a smaller percentage of students scoring below and far below basic than other state-monitored schools (see table below). Unfortunately, the school did not make significant growth on its 2003 API and therefore became subject to state sanctions.

2003 California Standards Tests

| | Percent of students at or above proficient | Percent of students at basic | Percent of students at below or far below basic |
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| English/Language Arts | 35.9% | 36.9% | 26.9% |
| Mathematics | 42.7% | 28.3% | 28.1% |

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Providencia meets the criteria in both options that CDE staff submitted for consideration as a waiver policy for higher-performing II/USP schools (see related March Board item). The table below reflects how the school meets the criteria for option 2.

| API Decile Rank | Current API Decile Rank of 7 |
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| Multi-year growth | In 2001-02, Providencia API growth target was 4 and it obtained a growth of 47 points. In 2002-03, its API growth target was 3 and the school went down 1 point. Therefore, the total API growth requirement for both years was 7 points. Since Providencia grew 47 points, its 2001-02 growth covered the total growth expectation for both years. |
| AYP | The school met NCLB Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). (Meeting AYP means meeting annual measurable objectives (AMOs) in language arts and mathematics schoolwide and for all student groups; participation rate requirements; meeting API requirements; and for high schools, meeting graduation rate requirements.) |

Authority for Waiver: Education Code (EC) Section 33050

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on date(s): November 24, 2003

Position of bargaining unit(s) (choose only one):

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Neutral

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Support

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Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative(s): Mr. Kim Allender

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

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posting in a newspaper

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posting at each school

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other (specify) All

Public Libraries

Public hearing held on date(s): December 4, 2003

Local board approval date(s): December 4, 2003

Advisory committee(s) consulted: School Site Councils

Objections raised (choose one): ☒ None

☐ Objections are attached on separate

sheet

Date(s) consulted: November 24, 2003

Period of request: 3/11/04 -9/1/04: modified from district request of 12/03 to 12/04.

Start date was changed due to the direction given at the January State Board that the school continue with the SALT process until such time a waiver was approved. The ending date was changed due to the API data being released in August 2004.

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| FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE) |
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If the waiver is approved, the school will not receive funds to implement the corrective actions recommended by the SAIT and the state will save \$73,800 each year for two or three years.

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| BACKGROUND INFORMATION |
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Documentation will be attached.